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In re patent application of

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For: JOB EXECUTING SYSTEM AND JOB EXECUTING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendment be entered into the application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claim 9 as originally filed with the following amended Claim 9:

--9. (Amended)   The job executing method according to claim 8, in which a graphical user interface environment is provided, wherein

there is provided a step of displaying, on a screen, interactive figure elements each indicative of its associated candidate job; and

according to user's operations to some of the interactive figure elements, their associated candidate jobs are synthesized so as to obtain a synthetic job.--
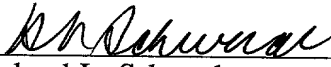
REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above amendment prior to examination of the instant application. The amendment is made to correct a clerical error and is not deemed to change the scope of the invention. A marked-up version of the amended claim showing the changes made is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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9.   The job executing method according to claim [9] <u>8</u>, in which a graphical user interface environment is provided, wherein

there is provided a step of displaying, on a screen, interactive figure elements each indicative of its associated candidate job; and

according to user's operations to some of the interactive figure elements, their associated candidate jobs are synthesized so as to obtain a synthetic job.